(b) The total central share of Rs. 1607.47 crores has been released under these programmes since 1995-96 to 2008-09 (up to 15.02.2009). (Rs. 231.45 crores under IWDP, Rs. 164.15 crores under DPAP and Rs. 1211.87 crores under DDP). Out of the total releases, funds to the tune of Rs. 203.70 crores have been utilized under IWDP, Rs. 145.85 crores under DPAP and Rs. 988.75 crores under DDP.

(c) There is an in-built monitoring mechanism in the watershed guidelines to ensure proper implementation of the watershed projects. Besides monitoring the progress of the watershed programmes through Area Officers, National Level Monitors, Vigilance and Monitoring Committees, Department of land Resources has introduced on-line updation of Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) and Monthly Progress Report (MPR). The Performance Review Committee under the Chairmanship of Secretary (LR) also reviews the performance of the programmes being implemented by the Department. The Minister of Rural Development reviews the performance of programmes from time to time with the Chief Ministers and State Government concerned with the implementation of the programmes.

(d) Out of 8775 watershed projects sanctioned since 1995-96, a total number of 2697 projects have so far been completed (25 IWDP projects, 279 DPAP projects and 2393 DDP projects).

Change of criteria for instalments under ARWSP

†991. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds for Accelerated Rural Water Supply Projects (ARWSP) are allocated in two instalments of 50 per cent each;

(b) whether between first and second instalments delay is created because of disputes regarding first instalment's utilization and it hinders the implementation of project; and

(c) whether Government will consider to allocate 75 per cent in first instalment and remaining 25 per cent in second instalment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (c) Funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) are allocated in the beginning of the year and released to all States in two equal instalments. First instalment of the allocation is released to States in the beginning of the financial year itself without any conditions so that States could utilize the funds early. The 2nd instalment is released on utilization of 60 per cent of funds available with them. No request for change in this pattern has been received from the States.

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